## La Verna I. Lehman, 78

LaVerna I. Lehman, 78, Colonial Manor of Groton, died Fri-

day, Dec. 11, 1998.

Her funeral will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1998 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, with the Rev. Craig Grams officiating. Burial will be in Groton Union Cemetery, with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, in charge of arrangements. There was a prayer service Tuesday evening at the funeral chapel.

LaVerna I. Wilke was born January 23, 1920 to the Rev. Frank and Helen (Peiler) Wilke at James. She attended school



in Groton and graduated from Groton High School in 1937. As a young woman, she assisted her father as church organist, when he was pastor serving James, Groton, West Hanson and Andover.

She married Reuben E. Lehman, November 29, 1939, and they made their home on a farm northwest of Groton. She became a resident of Colonial Manor in June. She was chosen Colonial Manor homecoming queen in September.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, and the Ladies Aid. She volunteered at Dakota Midland Hospital Auxiliary, where she received an award for 1900 hours of service. She was a Tupperware dealer and enjoyed clipping coupons.

She is survived by one son, Gerald (Janet) Lehman, Groton; one daughter, Judith (Lennis) Larson, Spearfish; four grand-

children, and seven great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and one sister.

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